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As a former fishery biologist i have found a few faults with your findings.

First, Areas of protection are open for fishing certain species, or closed all together. Not once where slot sizes even considered. Slot sizes have worked wonders in the fresh water environment in protecting certain trout, sturgeon, walleye and bass in Canada, and the US. Slot sizes protect the breeding stock to ensure the future of the species, while not excluding or having a pure open fishery.

Second, by closing large chunk of the coastline extending out a few miles, the MLPA is discriminating against shore based anglers who cannot bypass the closers. this includes shore fishing, kayaks, rowboats, and float tube. This type of shore based angling has limited environmental impact, where take and range is a limiting factor.

New ideas to consider:

1. Slot Limits
2. Opening areas to shore based angling (shore, kayak, rowboat, motor free fishing zone?) Fair access.

Don't get me wrong I agree we must protect our fishery so it will last, but there is better ways instead of basing your findings on out dated pseudo science.